

Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2014

Members in Attendance: Molly Flueckiger, Heidi Hample, Rachel Buonopane, Susan James, Michael Rademacher, John Thompson, Maureen St. Hilaire, Kerrie Fallon

Members Absent: Burt Pusch

Others Present: Jack Jones/ADA Coordinator, Christine Bongiorno (Director of Health and Human Services, Beverly Bevilaqua (resident), Danny van Leeuwen (resident)

Meeting began at 4:05 pm

1. Welcome and Introduction

2. Public Comments

- Beverly interested in hearing about what we do and is offer her support and assistance in what we do

3. Administration

- **Approval April and May meeting minutes**
- April and May approved
- **Strategic Planning**
- Bylaws issued to commission and our role reviewed
- Discussion of our skill set as commission members within the context of the bylaws
- Understanding who and when to refer questions to someone else to get answers
- Coordinate efforts with ADA Coordinator
- Commission Goals: conduct ADA self-evaluation with goal of updated town ADA transition plan, cosponsor 6th annual Diversity Job Fair, work with town's Economic Development Coordinator to improve access to public entrances, monitor Mass Ave corridor project with disability regulations, participate in town's Master Plan, monitor accessible pedestrian safety, curb cut installation and enforcement of snow and ice removal, improve town's accessible parking by working with outer parties to develop a plan, replace bricks with smoother surface at Arlington Senior Center, improve the visibility of the commission, and continue to represent the rights of people in Arlington with disabilities.
- Molly spoke with Town Manager regarding our role in town and if we were effective and how to best discover our effectiveness
- Recommendation of Town Manager to work as consultant to help us configure our role, Molly had contacted the recommended the consultant to discover how the process works

- Another option: an internal survey to discover commission members thoughts and feeling about our role and satisfaction
- Then potentially have a follow up meeting (work meeting) to discuss and plan
- Danny (resident) comments that he does perform surveys regularly and would be willing to help group with surveying the commission members
- **2014 FY Budget Presentations**
- Copies of annual budget distributed to the group, we have money left to spend
- Rachel presented option of purchasing a temporary ramp to be used to loan out for public and/or private events
- Discussion of a small ramp to use for store front access in East Arlington
- Commission members concerned with liability regarding the use of the ramp, will table at this time until next FY upon which we can further research
- Discussion of rec paths that can be used for increased mobility on grass
- Where would we store it and who would be responsible for handing out
- Assisted listening device (we have 6 at the Town Hall), sometimes used at Selectmen's office
- *Rachel and John to research rec paths and price, will contact Jack for items to be ordered*
- Discussion of reaching out to town members to look for input for ideas of what they want
- Books to offer to town and school libraries, potential books for us to purchase for the group as reference (ADA technical assistance center is a good source)
- *Commission to make decision by Monday(6/23) evening on items to purchase before the end of FY14*

4. Project updates

- **ATED Visitor center**
- Mike presenting the ongoing plans for access to this visitor center
- Mike presented plans to review with commission members
- Plan to have porch/deck around two sides of structure with ramp access to it with level landings, allowing access to both doors
- Mike working on coordinating plan for the build
- Hoping to have work done by beginning of July
- Also working to electrical access
- **Disability Policy Consortium Gubernatorial Forum**
- Candidates to speak in an open forum regarding disabilities
- To be presented at the Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown on June 26,2014 from 1-4:30
- **2014 Town Day/Arlington Access**
- Heidi chairing sub-committee...looking for volunteers to join subcommittee (Molly, Kerrie, Susan, Christine (Maureen's daughter)
- Performed basic survey to find out what would draw people to the booth and what town's people we should target
- Items that draw people, candy food, handouts, promotional items, Arlington Access newsletter(ideas for articles)

- Asking for commission members to ask their circles about what people looking for
- Interactive items
- Handouts for recreational activities, resource guide (non-profit and government agencies that are available to assist, guide to accessible restaurants)
- Discussion of reviewing and reaching out to Economic Development Coordinator (Ted Fields) to reach out to businesses to get info on the access to their businesses
- **Disability Commission Handbook**
- Molly, Jack and Burt working on a handbook to be printed and available online
- MOD excited about this idea
- **July speakers**
- Moira Hennessey from Mass Relay to come and speak regarding Mass Relay and services available. Offering services that the town can purchase, potentially ideas for community members. Discussion of whether this should be an open program. *Looking to get more info before having her come to present to Commission vs having her come and deciding on further presentation.*
- Gregg Ames to come to speak about Diversity Career Fair to be held on October 15th 10am-1pm
- True story theatre to now come in September
- **Curb Cuts**
- Working on being completed FY14
- Will be putting FY15 out to bid
- **Other projects**
- MOD wanted to make commissions regarding AAB bill, supported by centers for independent living
- Shared with commission members
- Accessible Icon project- *Rachel to follow up with contact in Burlington (where the symbol has been officially adopted)*

5. ADA Coordinator's Monthly Report

- Issued to group, no time to officially review this date

6. New Business & Announcements

- Rachel mentioned that the NY Assembly voted to remove the word "handicap" from accessible signage and will be looking to use more active display in pictures like the accessible icon

Handouts Issued to Commission Members during Meeting

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ADA coordinators report

Commission on Disability Budget

See additional page for more handouts

Meeting adjourned 6:05pm

Next Meeting set July 16, 2014

Arlington Disability Commission – June Meeting Documentation

Printed copies provided at meeting

1. Meeting Agenda
Arl COD June Agenda.pdf
2. List of Meeting Documentation
Meeting documentation.docx
3. Arlington Disability Commission May Meeting Minutes
CPDmtgmin5.21.14.pdf
4. Arlington Disability Commission –Internal Planning Document
Planning.docx
5. A-TED Welcome Center Plans
Arlington Welcome Center.pdf
6. Gubernatorial Forum Handout
Gubernatorial Forum flyer 6-12-14.doc
7. Handbook Project Status
Handbook Project Status 140618.docx
8. ADA Coordinator's Report- Amended
ADA COORDINATORS REPORT AMENDED.pdf
9. Arlington Job Fair Announcement
Arl job fair employers 2014 (2).pdf
10. Boston ADA Celebration Handout
ADA Day Flyer SAVE THE DATE 2014_tcm3-44963.pdf
11. S1869
Gmail -Senate Bill1869 Architectural Access Board.pdf
12. AAB Bill
SILC-AAB (1).doc
13. Senator Ken Donnelly
Donnelly.docx
14. AAB Variance Request Letter
aab variance letter first parish copy.docx Available online
https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=OB_XIIYqQ80KaSkxan3lQS1FzcWc&usp=sharing
15. Mass Relay Brochure
HRS_TRS_Broch_MA.pdf
16. Arlington Senior Directory
Sr_Svcs_Directory.pdf